



**First Baptist Church of York
3375 Druck Valley Road
York, PA 17406**

December 1, 2019

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

FOR YOUR COMFORT during the worship service,
if the temperature is cooler than you like,
you are welcome to borrow one of the handmade shawls
provided in the coat room.

Our worship leader is Charlie K.

Welcome

Prelude

By Ben A.

Advent Candle J. & Esther D.

John 1:1-5

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, we know that before anything else existed, there was only God – Father, Son, and Spirit. Christ has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything. Eternal life is in him. His life gives light to us all. He has always been alive and is God. His life shines through darkness and the darkness can never overcome it.

Songs of Praise (CCLI # 428090)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymn # 153

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

(By Mark Imboden & Tammi Rhoton. © 1994 Barn Music)

(Men) You are holy. (Ladies) You are holy.
(Men) You are mighty. (Ladies) You are mighty.
(Men) You are worthy. (Ladies) You are worthy.
(Men) Worthy of praise. (Ladies) worthy of praise.

(Men) I will follow; (Ladies) I will follow;
(Men) I will listen; (Ladies) I will listen;
(Men) I will love You (Ladies) I will love You
(Men) All of my days. (Ladies) all of my days.

(Men)
I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
And I will bow down before Him.
And I will sing to and worship the
King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
and I will bow down before Him.
You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for You.

(Ladies)
You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I AM,
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.
You're the Living God, You're my saving grace.
You will reign forever. You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for You.

Pastoral Prayer

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

How Great Our Joy

By Lloyd Larson
Choir

(Before the Song of Worship, all children ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed to children's worship downstairs in the K-2 classroom & children grade 3 and up are dismissed to the youth room downstairs.)

Song of Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #154

Message "Today You Are Witnesses"

Ruth 4:1-12

Song of Preparation

Emmanuel

Hymn # 178

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called, Emmanuel.
2 times

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Hymn # 177

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

2 times

The Lord's Supper (Our communion table is open to everyone who is a believer. You are invited to partake of the elements if you have trusted Jesus Christ as your savior and Lord, even if you are not a member of our church.)

Song of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Hymn #393, first verse

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Benediction



REMEMBER IN PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Annetta A., Pat C.,
Connie & Larry F., Joyce G.,
Shawn G., Leigh Ann & Charles G.,
Kim L., Jim & Alice M.,
Leslie M., Gloria N., Donna O.,
Jeannette S., Gavin S., Rick S.,
Don & Diane S., John S., Paul S.,
Linda T., Grace & Jim W.,
Sarah & Peter McCurdy
Our church staff and leaders,
Our Military, President and other elected officials

Our VIP's

Lamar & Janet F., Janet H.,
Flo L., Marcus M., Etta M.,
Marilyn O., Betty T.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

4yrs.-2nd Grade:

Esther D.

3rd Grade & up:

Jen H.

NURSERY

Jenah B.

Alice S.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

5 Sheryl R.

6 Sage S.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Ann Clemmer - South Sudan
& Democratic Republic
of the Congo

2 Ray Schellinger - Global
Consultant

THE WIDOW'S LUNCH BUNCH: A group will gather at **Stoneybrook** (East Market Street) for lunch **today** immediately following the morning service. Meet in the narthex if you are unsure of directions or would like to car pool.

POINSETTIAS: Order forms for ordering Poinsettias for display in the church are **due today**. Extra forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can include your payment with your offering with the cost marked for flowers. Flowers may be taken home on December 22nd or 24th.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Today at 5:30 p.m., you are invited to go out and sing carols to some of our church family who need a little touch of love. You don't need a great voice, just a willing heart. We will meet at the church, go out, and return for cocoa and cookies.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SECRET SISTER REVEAL: All ladies are invited to attend the Women's Christmas Party on Tuesday, **December 3, 6pm, in the narthex**. Come enjoy a soup & bread dinner followed by fellowship around the Christmas tree. Secret Sisters will be revealed as they exchange their gifts. If you did not participate in the Secret Sister program, you are welcome to bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Childcare will be provided.

ACCESS YORK DONATIONS: During the holiday season the Advent committee will be collecting items to donate to Access York. A tree has been placed in the narthex area for you to put items on or under. They are interested in toy cars and trucks, balls such as soccer, football, beachballs, or basketballs, play doh, boy and girl socks, mittens, jump ropes, bean bags, toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, baby bibs, sippy cups, baking pans, women or children's underwear, or grocery gift cards. Please have these donations in **by December 22nd**.

AWANA TRAINING: On **December 8th** following the worship service there will be a training session for anyone interested in helping with the upcoming AWANA program. Please complete the RSVP slip and put it in the offering plate so we can plan for food and childcare.

ONE VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR: If you are interested in hearing the One Voice Choir on **December 8th** at **6:00 pm** at Messiah United Methodist Church at 1300 North Beaver Street, **please add your name** and fill out a green transportation form. We are hoping to have a large group from First Baptist and we hope to sit together in a reserved area. All transportation and seating requests need to be turned in **by today** morning so that arrangements can be made. The One Voice Choir will also sing this cantata on **January 5th** at **3:00pm** in our sanctuary.

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER: Please sign up for our family Christmas dinner that will be held in the Gathering Place **following the worship service on December 15th.** Please let us know how many people from your family will be present so that we can plan accordingly.

LIFEPATH FOOD DONATIONS: A box has been placed in the narthex for food donations for Life Paths Ministries. Items they are in special need of are canned tuna, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned or boxed broth, condiments, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, stews, beans, rice, cereal, pancake mix, instant pudding & Jell-O, powdered milk, dry coffee creamer, flour and spices. These items will be collected **through December 15th.**

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT: The Explorers Class is sponsoring a holiday movie night on **December 20th.** They will be showing It's A Wonderful Life down in the Gathering Place at 7:00pm. They will also be enjoying ice cream sundaes during the event. **A sign up sheet is located on the Education bulletin board in the hallway.**

END OF YEAR HYMN SING/TESTIMONY SERVICE: On **December 29,** our worship service will feature your favorite songs in the hymnal. You will also be encouraged to share a short testimony about something from this past year and what you are learning through it.

MANY THANKS- I would like to thank all who have been praying for me during my recent surgery and recovery. The visits, cards, and caring thoughts are very much appreciated. The Member Care Team was wonderful with their provision of food and a prayer shawl. It is a real blessing to be associated with such a loving group of fellow Christians, who are so giving in the time of need. Love to all, Bob M.

*Retired
Ministers &
Missionaries
Offering
2019*

Lifting Up the Legacy



The offering honors the anonymous gift in 1981 of a Vietnamese woman who was worshipping with the First Chinese Baptist Church of Fresno, CA. Having no prior knowledge of the meaning of the offering but connecting with the words of gratefulness suggested on the offering envelope, she slipped off her wristwatch, her only possession of value, and placed it in the envelope. This act of gratitude reflects the spirit of thankfulness and generosity Jesus talks about in Luke 21: 1-4. This sacrifice inspires us all to remember those who faithfully labor in the Lord at churches and faith-based organizations.

It's the sacrifice and generosity of congregations like yours that make it possible to provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and to send a Thank You check to those who are eligible.

In 2018, your generosity provided \$1,024,706 in financial and emergency assistance and Thank You checks to over 3,497 RMMO recipients. Our goal for 2019 is \$1.2 million in contributions.

We will receive RMMO on _____.

Please help us reach this year's goal of _____.

Thought-full Stocking

One year a little boy named Ean, filled with the excitement of Christmas, was reciting the list of toys and games he hoped to see under the tree when suddenly he asked, "If it's Jesus' birthday, why doesn't He get any presents?" So they hung a stocking for Jesus and each family member put a gift into it.

Ean gave his favorite racing car and a note promising to say his prayers more often. Nana crocheted a little lamb and offered prayers for souls in trouble. Daddy put a carton of cigarettes as his offer to stop smoking, and promised to give more of himself to others. Mother gave a book of loving words and a vow to do some specific deeds of kindness.

They all felt closer to the reality of Christmas because they took time to think about the gift that were right for the Christ Child. The actual gifts were sent to a local charity and the effort to carry out the promises continued every day.

Wouldn't this be a lovely tradition for every family that loves Christ to make a part of their Christmas?



SCHEDULED TO SERVE NEXT WEEK:

WORSHIP LEADER: **Bob M.**

NURSERY: **Carrie Y., Joan K.**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: **Sue F. & Jen H.**

PARKING: **Tim G., Bob T.**

DECEMBER'S ALTAR CALL TEAM: **Cherith C. & J. D.**

Please inform the church office if there are any revisions or corrections.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 1-7th

Sunday	8:00am	Praise Band Practice
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service Communion
	5:30pm	Caroling
	Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am	Galatians Bible Study
Thursday	5:30pm	Volleyball
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	6:30pm	Messenger/Sojourner Christmas

Church Staff

Pastor
Music Director
Secretary
Custodian
Ministers

Rev. Tim Munson
Linda Cross
Sara Kepner
Joel Brozovic
Every Member

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Church office hours are from 9 a.m.-12 noon, Monday through Friday

TODAY YOU ARE WITNESSES

Ruth 4:1-12

December 1, 2019

Come here my friend, and sit down. (4:1-8)

As long as it helped the man, he wanted to do it. (1-4)

When it became a sacrifice, he said no. (5-8; Deut. 25:7-10)

Today you are witnesses! (4:9-10)

The character of a righteous person will lead to righteous acts.

Jesus is the ultimate righteous person who did the ultimate righteous act. (Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 2:14-15)

"You are witnesses."

We are witnesses. (4:11-12)

The righteous should be recognized.

"We are witnesses today."